

Inland Waterways Transport Corporation*[Translation]*

3811. DR. ASIM BALA: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of the performance of the Inland Waterways Transport Corporation during the last three years and the expenses involved in its functioning;
- (b) whether the said Corporation is likely to be closed in the near future; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRIT.G. VENKATRAMAN): (a) The performance of the Central Inland Water Transport Corporation Ltd. (CIWTC) during the last three years is as under:—

	1993-94	1994-95	1995-96
I. River Services Division			
i) Cargo transportation (lakh Metric Tonne)	2.43	3.31	3.25
ii) Freight earned (Rs. in lakhs)	552.43	786.58	837.05
II. Rajabagan Dockyard			
Value of Production (Rs. in lakhs)	649.80	197.87	600.48 (unaudited)
III. Deep Sen Ship repair Division			
Value of Production (Rs. in lakhs)	288.34	229.18	158.00 (unaudited)

The total earnings and operation losses of the Corporation during last three years are as under:

	1993-94	1994-95	1995-96
(i) Total Earnings (Rs. in lakhs)	2248.63	1979.51	1295.03 (unaudited)
(ii) Operating losses (Rs. in lakhs)	962.20	1138.61	1048.98 (unaudited)

The expenses involved in the functioning of the CIWTC during the last three years, are Rs. 151 crore approx.

- (b) No, Sir.
- (c) In view of the above, does not arise.

New Engineering Colleges

3812. PROF. AJIT KUMAR MEHTA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of new engineering diploma/degree colleges sanctioned by the All India Council of Technical Education, New Delhi during 1996-97, alongwith the names and addresses thereof;
- (b) whether the applications of some new engineering colleges have been rejected; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MUHI RAM SAIKIA): (a) to (c). The information is being collected from All India Council for Technical Education and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Survey on Radu Irrigation Project in Bihar

3813. SHRI THOMAS HANSDA: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government of Bihar had completed their survey work pertaining to the Radu Irrigation Project in district Ranchi of Bihar and submitted the same to the Central Water Commission in the year 1988 for approval;
- (b) whether it is an important project in the tribal dominated areas of Bihar; and
- (c) if so, the time by which the said Radu project is likely to be given approval?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA): (a) Project proposal as Radu Irrigation Project has not been received in Central Water Commission. However a proposal on Raru Reservoir Project has been received in Central Water Commission in 9/89. After examination the project report was sent back to the State Government in 1990 for compliance of Central Water Commission's comments.

- (b) Raru Reservoir project is an important projects.
- (c) The clearance of the project will depend upon the promotness with which the State Government complies with the observations of Central Water Commission/other Central appraising Agencies.